



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

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The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

12-Metro Area Shell Eggs - week ending 02-Mar-01 Average retail and invoice prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A or better, white Large eggs in cartons, delivered store door (cents per dozen).

	Northeast	Midwest	Southern	Western	12-Metro Area
This week	71.13	62.83	72.65	88.85	75.70
Last week	71.13	64.73	73.19	92.85	77.73

Selected Cities Large - 02-Mar-01 **New York** 70-73 **Chicago** 59-64 **California** 94

Weekly Shell Egg and Breaking Stock Inventory - 26-Feb-01 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	135.2	257.0	132.3	187.2	170.8	882.5	255.0	1137.5
% change PW	12	8	14	17	-8	8	0	6

Breaking Stock 02-Mar-01 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	35-39 M 35-37	34-39
Checks & Undergrades	21-24	21-27 M 21-25

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending 24-Feb-01.
Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
Current Week	1,095,074	25,487	10,720	5,804	2,447	3,919
Previous Week	1,058,926	24,325	10,476	5,824	2,087	4,034
Last Year	1,183,215	24,590	13,315	6,965	3,095	3,698
% Change PW	3	5	2	0	17	-3
% Change LY	-7	4	-19	-17	-21	6
To Date 2001	8,677,341	196,821	87,206	48,182	20,949	31,592
To Date 2000	8,981,785	199,773	92,119	50,438	25,211	29,720

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE

Current Week: 41.94 Previous Week: 42.17 Last Year: 41.05

National Liquid Eggs - 02-Mar-01 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
Whole	25	30.5-34	32.46	-2.22
Whites	16	20-25	23.38	-.63
Yolks	13	52-54.5	52.69	.61

Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 55 to 57 cents fob with pasteurized whites reported at 24 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 02-Mar-01 - wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

Class	Trucklot	Central	Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
	Eastern		Eastern	South California ²
Whole	45-49 M 46-48	44-49 M 47-48	54-56	54-57
Blends ³	Too Few To Report	-	63-85	-
Whites	35-37	34-37 M 35-37	41-54	41-44
Yolks ⁴				
Sugared	65-69 M 66-68	65-68 M 66-68	71-76	73-76
Salted	62-67 M 63-65	63-65	69-74	70-73

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 02-Mar-01 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
Whole	1.60 - 1.85	1.65 - 1.70
Yolks	1.45 - 1.70	1.50 - 1.60
Albumen, Spray Dried	2.60 - 2.95	2.60 - 2.70
Blends (whole plus sweetener)	1.20 - 1.35	1.25 - 1.30

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 17-Feb-01					
Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,585	This week	580	This week	2,165
Last week	1,956	Last week	436	Last week	2,392
Last year	1,986	Last year	599	Last year	2,585
To Date 2001	12,634	To Date 2001	3,735	To Date 2001	16,369
To Date 2000	14,229	To Date 2000	4,038	To Date 2000	18,267
*****Not available for weekending 24-Feb-01.*****					

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Feb-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	191	0	0	191
Last year*	103	0	0	103
To date 2001	822	0	22	844
To date 2000	858	0	18	876

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Feb-01

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	149	46	27	222
Last year*	183	6	40	229
To date 2001	821	148	67	1,036
To date 2000	902	24	241	1,167

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 17-Feb-01

	Jumbo	XLarge	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	200	1,790	1,110	750	0	3,850
Last year*	0	0	1,590	750	0	0	2,340
To date 2001	0	930	11,261	2,160	9,810	1,687	25,848
To date 2000	13	2,133	14,290	2,678	6,180	750	26,044

*Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 23-Feb-01

Total Layers on 01-Feb-01 totaled 335 million, up 2 percent from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Feb-01 averaged 69.1 eggs per 100 layers, down slightly from the 69.4 eggs a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Jan-01 = 273.6 million, up 1% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Jan-01 averaged 72.5 eggs per 100 layers, down 1% from 01-Jan-00.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.75 billion eggs during Jan-01, up slightly from Jan-00.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Jan-01 totaled 38 million, up 11% from Jan-00.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 35.4 million on 01-Feb-01, up 8% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 381,000 during Jan-01, up 80% from Jan-00.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table egg type layers on 01-Feb-01 = 259.6 million, up 2% from 01-Feb-00.

Eggs per 100 table egg layers on 01-Feb-01 = 70.8, down 1% from 01-Feb-00.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Feb-01 were 4.9%, unchanged from those in molt on 01-Feb-00.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Feb-01 were 22.5, up 5% from 01-Feb-00.

Layers sold during Jan-01 totaled 14.6 million, down 8% from Jan-00.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Jan-01 were 3.8 million, down 4% from Jan-00.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Feb-01 = 90.7 million, unchanged from 01-Feb-00.

Pullets added during Jan-01 = 25.4 million, up 19% from Jan-00.

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